

Remarks

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,338,032 to Chen. Claims 10 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,995,413 to Holzmann in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,032 to Chen.

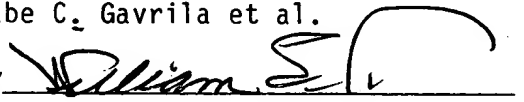
Applicants note with appreciation the allowability of claims 2-9, 11-20, 22, and 23 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicants have canceled claims 2 and 11, amended independent claims 1 and 10 to incorporate the subject matter of canceled dependent claims 2 and 11, and amended dependent claims 3-5, 9, and 12, to correct the dependencies thereof in view of the cancellation of claims 2 and 11, and to correct several inconsistencies in claim language.

It is therefore believed that claims 1, 3-10, and 12-23, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is accordingly solicited.

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